

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

MEMORIAL DAY

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Americans have observed Memorial Day since May 1868 to honor the sacrifices of the brave men and women who gave their lives in defense of our great nation; and

WHEREAS, since that time, brave men and women who have answered our Nation's call to duty and defended freedom at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, these men and women have served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Air Force with heroism, determination and valor; and

WHEREAS, soldiers, sailors and airmen based in North Carolina and serving in the North Carolina National Guard are among the United Forces who have served and are serving with distinction in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, this year alone, six members of the North Carolina National Guard have been killed in combat in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day is a special day when Americans rededicate themselves to the principles upon which our nation was founded, and men and women in the Armed Forces have died defending; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day offers each of us the opportunity to honor loved ones and remind ourselves of the ideals that are the foundation of the freedoms we enjoy and endure because of dedication and sacrifice of those who answered the nation's call;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Monday, May 26, 2008, as "**MEMORIAL DAY**" in North Carolina and urge all citizens to join me in honoring the men and women who died in service to our nation in war to preserve our freedom, and honor those families who endured the sorrow of a loved one making the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of the United States of America.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol Building this the twenty-second day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.